

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have lived and worked in Washington State for over 150 years and have played a part in the rich cultural heritage of this state; and

WHEREAS, the diverse Asian Pacific American population in Washington State numbers more than 416,000, and is representative of more than 11 Asian and 7 Pacific Island nations; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month acknowledges and celebrates the contributions made by Asian Pacific Americans in the arts, education, sciences, government and economic development of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month provides the opportunity to educate the public on the personal sacrifices and accomplishments made by those of Asian Pacific descent in American history and the role played in the advancement of civil rights and equal opportunity for all people of this state; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in our state's economic, social and democratic institutions, as well as celebrate Asian Pacific American history and its role in making Washington State a culturally rich and great place to live;

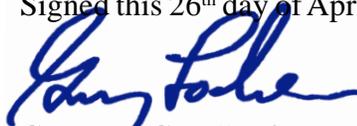
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2004, as

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 26th day of April, 2004


Governor Gary Locke